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Dave Heineman, Governor

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CERTIFICATION

Dear Mr. Fatur:

This letter is written in response to the letter dated 10/22/08 to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 1616(e)(1): In Nebraska, residential facilities in which a significant number of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients reside or are likely to reside are identified as Assisted Living Facilities, Centers for the Developmentally Disabled, Substance Abuse Treatment Centers, Mental Health Centers, Child Caring Agencies Foster Care Homes for Children and Group Foster Homes for Children. The Department of Health and Human Services is the designated authority to establish, maintain, and ensure the enforcement of standards for non-medical and medical residential facilities identified in this paragraph in which SSI recipients may reside.

Section 1616(e)(2): A summary of the standards are available on the Department of Health and Human Services web site at www.dhhs.ng.gov/crl/facindex1.htm to comply with Section 1616(e).

Section 1616(e)(3): This letter serves as the required annual certification to the Commissioner of Social Security that it is in compliance with the requirements of the subsection.

Section 1616(e)(4): If the State would take an action to remove a license either by revocation or suspension, the State would provide notification of any such action to the Social Security Administration Regional Office.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Claire Titus, Program Manager, Licensure Unit at (402) 471-4963.

Sincerely,

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